

NATIONAL MEN TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY 2015



The Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African American Males in partnership with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation's Center for Family, School, and Community Partnerships invites all men to participate in the **Million Father March - National Men Take Their Children to School Day 2015**.

We're calling on fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, uncles, cousins, big brothers, significant male caregivers and friends of the family to take your child to school on the first day of school. The **Million Father March** has become a special day that fathers and men use to make a commitment to their children, their families, their communities and their country with their dynamic presence at a school. This is the real Father's Day!

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting bell and walk your child to their designated location. Orientation nights are a great time to meet the teacher, ask questions, and update your contact information with the office and teacher; however, we encourage you to briefly introduce yourself. Research shows that children whose fathers take an active role in their educational lives earn better grades, score higher on tests, enjoy school more and are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college. The first day of school for most EVSC students is August 10th. Please do your part to make an impact on your child's future, and help to produce better schools and better communities. Although this event is coordinated by Black men, women and men of all ethnicities are encouraged to take children to school on their first day of school.

Men, we look forward to seeing you on August 10th!

Tips for a Successful School Year

- **End Early and Start Fresh**— Getting to bed early and allowing at least 8 hours of sleep and starting each day with a good breakfast makes a difference.
- **Make Checklists**— Daily and weekly checklists that include putting homework away, setting out clothes, packing lunch the night before, chores and extra-curricular activities can be a big help.
- **Get Organized**— Create a homework space away from distractions. Day planners can help parents and kids write down assignments, appointments, practices and special events.
- **Create a Homework Basket**— Keep all supplies needed for homework in one place.
- **Give Praise**— Create a space to highlight good grades, special awards and upcoming exams. Find ways to provide positive feedback.
- **Get Involved!**

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